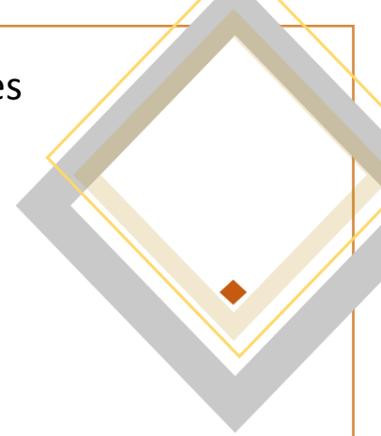


Educator Preparation and Licensure in Montana: Entities, Acronyms, Roles, and Duties

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CSPAC

Certification, Standards, and Practices Advisory Council ([2-15-1522, MCA](#))
Duties under [20-4-133, MCA](#), include: Studying and making recommendations to the Board of Public Education related to educator certification, including precertification training and education requirements

Superintendent of Public Instruction

- Makes recommendations to BPE regarding educator preparation and certification policies ([20-4-102, MCA](#))
- Reviews and accredits educator preparation programs based on PEPPS ([ARM 10.58.102-104](#))
- Issues educator certificates in compliance with BPE policies ([20-4-103, MCA](#))

MAKES
RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTERS

Board of Public Education (BPE)

From [20-4-102, MCA](#):

“To effect an orderly and uniform system of teacher and specialist certification, the **board of public education** shall, **upon the recommendation of the superintendent of public instruction** and in accordance with the provisions of this title, prescribe and adopt policies for the issuance of teacher or specialist certificates. Such policies shall provide for: (1) **reasonable training and experience requirements for teacher, specialist, supervisor, and administrative certificates...**”

ADOPTS

PEPPS

Professional Educator Preparation Program Standards
[ARM Title 10, Chapter 58](#)
Describes what colleges and universities need to do to prepare teachers for licensure in Montana

Educator Licensure (aka certification)

[ARM Title 10, Chapter 57](#)

- procedures for issuance and revocation of licenses
- classes of licensure